Lord Cobham staveth all the *hoys* at Dover and Sandwich so
that, if there be cause, they may carry o\er men and victuals
The forces of the shire are mustered and the castles being
viewed

A NEW PLAY

To-day there was a new play at the Rose called *Friar*
Sfendleton

November THE ISLANDS VOYAGE

The accounts of the late voyage are now to hand Soon
after the fleet had set sail, it was again caught by another great
tempest on St Bartholomew's Day, and many of the ships
scattered, thirty ships with Sir Walter Ralegh the Vice-admiral
being separated from the rest , but most of the remainder
staying with the Earl of Essex It had been ordained that if any
separation should happen, there should be three places of
rendezvous, the first at the North Cape, the second at the Rock,
and the third at the South Cape. To the Rock therefore came
Sir Walter Ralegh, who had been delayed by the breaking of his
main mast, and there joined him some thirty sail , and here
they met with a small bark of England by whom they were told
that the Adelantado was gone to the Islands to waft home the
Indian fleet , which news was afterwards found to be false
Sir Walter therefore thinking it very requisite that the Admiral
should be informed of this advertisement, sent one of his small
ships to seek the fleet, which by good hap it found the next day,
so that within two days after Sir Walter received two letters
from the Earl of Essex requiring him to follow him to the
Islands forthwith Which was accordingly done and the Isle
of Tercera reached on the 8th September •; and on the I4th they
met with the rest of the fleet at Flores to the

great joy of the
General, especially as many had buzzed doubts and jealousies
in his ear concerning Sir Walter Then a council was held
whereat it was determined to take in some of the isknds and an
orderly course was set down, which was for the Admiral and
Rear-admiral to undertake Fayal , the Lord Thomas Howard
and Sir Francis Vere to undertake Gratiosa , the Lord Mountj oy
and Sir Christopher Blount to St MichaePs , and the Nether-
land squadron was quartered to Pyke where is the greatest